



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO BULLETIN

TAKE THIS HOME

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

14 - 15 MARCH 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:3-7

In the wilderness the people thirsted for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

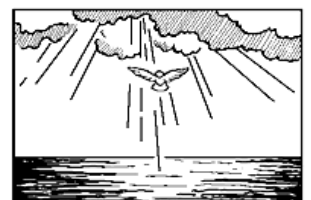
GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his children and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming" (who is called the Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.



Those who drink of the water that
I give them will never be thirsty.
John 4:14

MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 9:15am.
Saturday: 9:15am, 9:45 - 10:15am
 Reconciliation & 5:00pm Vigil.
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm.
Baptism: Last two Sundays of each month at 11:30am.
Anointing of the Sick: Last Saturday of each month.
Family Mass: Fourth Saturday of each month (during school term).

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Director of Jnr School:
 Ms Gabrielle Smith

REFLECTION:

DRINKING FROM THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

Without a constant water supply our life would be impossible since our bodies need constant hydration. Not so obvious is the soul's thirst for meaning, for vision and purpose in life. We can be so taken up with surface concerns as to neglect our spirit's longing for God. Like the Israelites, we focus upon our physical needs, but are often unmindful of our Creator who supplies them. It is Jesus who offers us the reviving water of eternal life, an ability for union with God, which is our deepest need. In today's Gospel he satisfies a thirsting soul. When water is brought to it, how the desert can blossom. (We may cite examples of successful irrigation in Israel, Egypt, California.) The miracle of growth can take place in the parched soul, if God lets his Spirit flow over us. All doubt, fear and sin will yield to the new life of grace.

Our baptism, the sacrament of our washing with the water of Christian faith was a privileged contact with the grace of Christ. By it we were planted in the garden of God, with room to put down roots, and draw vital nourishment from the living spring of the Saviour. Yet we need continuing help, to keep spiritually alive and pleasing to God as life goes on. Like the desert-wandering Jews, we suffer from thirst; we grow weary in confronting problems and temptations (sketch examples —) Jesus guarantees the "living water" we need. His own Spirit is always at hand to give courage and fidelity.

"To dwell in the house of the Lord." This desire is shared by the mystic tradition in other religions: namely, a yearning to be in the presence of God, and be welcomed by God. All people are called to drink from that fountain that bubbles with life. In times of widespread religious scepticism, the hope of heaven as eternal life after death is often rejected as wishful thinking. But we cling to this hope, relying on the word of Jesus. The early Christians drew hope and joy from this prospect of eternal life. They persevered until death for the sake of "the glory that will be revealed in us." We too are asked to live the values of the Gospel, in hope of finally taking our place at the fountain of life.
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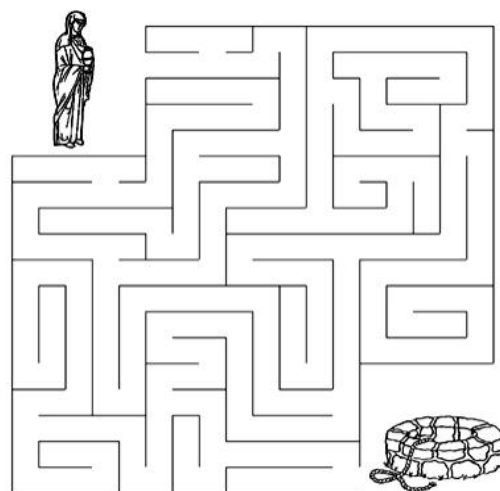
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

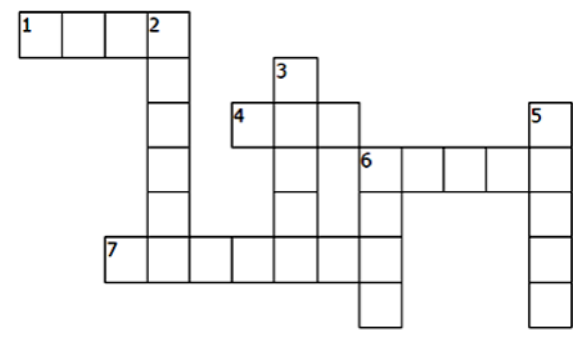
KIDS CORNER

Help the Samaritan woman find the way to the well



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WELL	WOMAN	WATER	THIRST
GIFT	DRINK	GOD	ETERNAL



- ACROSS**
- A present; something given without cost
 - The creator of heaven and earth; our Heavenly Father
 - A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid; H₂O
 - Continuing forever
- DOWN**
- To feel the need for a drink
 - An adult female person
 - The act of taking liquid through the mouth
 - A deep hole or shaft dug or drilled to obtain water

UPCOMING DATES

- 16 Mar** Climate Change Conversation
4:00pm in Parish Hall
- Christian Meditation Group
5:30pm in Parish Hall
- 18 Mar** Taizé Prayer Night 7:30pm
- 22 Mar** Baptisms 11:30am
- 23 Mar** Christian Meditation Group
5:30pm in Parish Hall
- 25 Mar** Franciscan Seculars Holy Spirit
Fraternity Gathering at 7:00pm
at Star of the Sea Friary



LET US PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick: Abp Anthony Fisher OP, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Lisa Roper & Cathy Murray

Those recently deceased: Margaret Roberts, Mira Slavic, Clare Webster (nee Morrison), John Hyland & Jodie Pawsey

Those with anniversaries at this time: Anthony Chin (3/3), Rose Chen (7/3), Lisa Rivera (3/3) & Alice Aston (3/3)

DID YOU KNOW?

- There was an ancient enmity between the Jews and Samaritans that sprang from the split of Israel and Judah into two kingdoms after the death of Solomon. Samaria was the capital of the northern kingdom while Jerusalem remained the capital in the south. The Samaritans built a 'break-away' Temple on Mount Gerizim.
- In speaking to a woman who is unknown to him, and a Samaritan woman at that, Jesus is contravening the acceptable social mores of his time. This causes shock in the disciples but indicates that the kingdom of God is open to all who recognise Jesus.
- The first scrutiny for those preparing for baptism or reception takes place today. A scrutiny is a rite in which people are encouraged to uncover 'all that is weak, defective and sinful in their hearts' so that God may heal it, and to recognise 'all that is upright, strong and good'.

WEEKDAY READINGS

- Mon 16 Mar** 2 Kings 5:1-15
Luke 4:24-30
- Tue 17 Mar** Jeremiah 1:4-9
Luke 4:18-19
- Wed 18 Mar** Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Matthew 5:17-19
- Thu 19 Mar** 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24
- Fri 20 Mar** Hosea 14:2-10
Mark 12:28-34
- Sat 21 Mar** Hosea 5:15-6:6
Luke 18:9-14
- Sun 22 Mar** Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Ps 22
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

NEWS & NOTICES

TAIZÉ PRAYER - 18 MARCH 7:30PM

Held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The services use sung repetitive chants in an environment of peace, and traditionally have included praying around a prayer focus with many candles. One of the most important aspects of the prayer is silent prayer. We invite you to come along on **Wed 18 March at 7.30pm for an hour of Taizé prayer in our church.** We assure you this time of reflection, will nurture and strengthen your prayer life and relationship with God.



FRANCISCAN SECULARS HOLY SPIRIT FRATERNITY GATHERING

You are invited to our Franciscan Seculars Holy Spirit Fraternity Gathering on **Wednesday 25 March 2020.** All interested are welcome to join us at **7:00pm** Mass at Star of the Sea Friary, 45 Victoria St, Waverley followed by dialogue & discussion at **8:00pm** at the Parish Hall, 45a Victoria St Waverley. RSVP text 0435 013 733 or timothyofs@gmail.com by 24 Feb.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Meditation Group meets in the Parish Centre each Monday at 5.30pm. Ph Trisha - 0405 516 972 or Maureen - 0425 225 095

CHARING CROSS MARKET FAIR DAY

Please note that from 9:00am on Saturday 28 March to Sunday 29 March at 5:00pm, the council carpark next door will be closed. Please allow additional time to find parking before Mass. The Charing Cross Market Fair Day is on Sunday, 29 March from 11:00am to 4:00pm with live entertainment, food and activities for the kids. For more info, please visit waverley.nsw.gov.au



Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.** **Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes & envelopes, or visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

HOUSE OF WELCOME

A reminder to support House of Welcome on the 4th Sunday, to bring something to add to the baskets:

Non-Food Items:
(NO CLOTHES PLEASE)

- *Nappies (larger sizes—walker / junior)
- *Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- *Laundry detergent, dishwashing Liquid
- *Shampoo, conditioner, soaps
- *Cleaning Products & Cloths
- *Deodorant (men's and women's)
- *Sanitary Pads (no tampons) & toilet paper
- *Razors & Shaving Cream
- *Aldi/Woolworths/ Coles vouchers

Great food items to donate include:

- *Cook oil, sugar/flour, salt/pepper/spices
- *Canned tuna, tomatoes, chick peas, peas, carrot, fruit & corn (not creamed)
- *Basmati rice & instant noodles
- *Biscuits, tea/coffee, honey/jam & juices
(Please no soup, baked beans or tinned spaghetti!)

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome To Waverley Parish! Have you completed a Parish Census form? The Parish Census is a vital tool used by the Parish Office to meet the pastoral, spiritual and official needs of parishioners. It is important that we have an up to date parish roll. New catholic families that have recently moved into the Mary Immaculate Parish zone and those families living here, but not yet registered are kindly asked to complete a Parish Census Form as soon as possible.

Have you completed a Planned Giving Programme Registration form? Interested in being a Volunteer? These forms are also available at the Church entrance near the glass dividers. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Would you like to volunteer in our Parish? We are still in need of more volunteers to help in our Parish Ministries. If you still have forms at home or wish to get a new form please see Fr Bernie or the Parish Secretary.

Our Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am Mass times require the most need at the moment. There will be training for each of our ministries, so if you are concerned that you may not be capable, please chat with Fr Bernie to find out what might be involved.

**ADVERTISE WITH US**

Our Parish would like to encourage and support local Catholic businesses. Do you or somebody you know have a small Catholic business that would benefit from advertising in our weekly Church bulletin? Our weekly bulletin is viewed by the number of people outside the Parish via the internet and from the 200 copies printed each week!

For a small monthly donation of \$50 your business card sized ad would appear 4/5 times a month in our Church bulletin. This donation supports the printing costs of our bulletin.

Please contact Carla in the office (02) 9369 9399 for more details.

MINISTRY ROSTER - MARCH

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve. Fr Bernie parishpriest@waverleycatholic.org.au

14 - 15 MAR	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie Marta Ramirez	Bianca Abruzzese Annabelle Abruzzese	Baricevic Family
EUCHARIST MINISTER	Vincent Conroy	Genevieve Roberts Daniel Murray	Dominic Abruzzese Tony Abruzzese	Kathy Reilly Joy Pertile
HOSPITALITY	Warren Kelly	Phyllis Spratt	Leanne Langlands	Kathy Reilly
21 - 22 MAR	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	-	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
PROCLAIMER OF WORD	Margaret Blake	Mario Vinciguerra Trisha Brookes	Annabelle Abruzzese Bianca Abruzzese	Daniel Wairau Joy Pertile
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HOSPITALITY	Kathleen Fenlon Ruth Lucas	Margaret Duncan	Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
28 - 29 MAR	SAT 5PM VIGIL	SUN 8.30AM	SUN 10.00AM	SUN 5.00PM
ALTAR SERVING	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
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